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New historical marker for Potawatomi chief at Culver

(by: Shirley Willard)

A historical marker for Chief Nas-wau-kee was dedicated Sept. 16 at Culver beside Lake Maxinkuckee. A crowd of about 50 attended. The marker is a big boulder with a metal plaque, the Eagle Scout project of Bryan McKinney, Winamac Troop 229. The historical marker is located in the Culver park just east of the beach, at the start of the "Indian Trails" that lead to Culver Military Academy.

Fulton County Historian, Shirley Willard, Rochester, spearheaded the fund raising for the project as she is treasurer of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association, a branch of the Fulton County Historical Society. Willard invited Michale Edwards and her daughter Taylor Edwards of Moore, Oklahoma, descendants of Chief Nas-wau-kee, to attend and be honored at the annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival Sept. 17-18 at Rochester.

Willard has been instrumental in getting historical markers from Indiana to Kansas for the 1838 Potawatomi Trail of Death. There are now 80 historical markers, all paid for with donations. See www.potawatomi-ttda.org. She has given speeches to all the counties from Indiana to Kansas and is available for programs. She can be reached at willard@rticool.com or 574-223-2352.

Historical Marker wording: Potawatomi Chief Nas-wau-kee. Prominent chief and speaker Nas-wau-kee (or Nas-wau-geese) signed several treaties with the U.S. government. In 1836, he ceded his two sections of land just east of Lake Maxinkuckee and regrettably agreed to go west within two years. Spelling the chief's name as Nas-wau-kee, the artist George Winter sketched him at the Lake Kewau-nay (now Lake Bruce) treaty council of July 1837, where he gave a heart-rending speech on

why the Indians did not want to leave. In August, Nas-wau-kee called his white neighbors together at his village and gave a tearful farewell address, shaking everyone's hand. His band joined Chief Koo-wau-nay's band to be conducted by George Proffit to Kansas. The 47 Potawatomi journeyed from August 23 to October 23, 1837, without loss of life (unlike the 1838 Trail of Death, on which 42 died of 859 Potawatomi on the trip). At Nas-wau-kee's urging, Father Christian Hoecken established St. Mary's Mission at Sugar Creek, Kansas, where the Potawatomi lived 1838-1849. A historical marker there records the chief as Nesfawke. The Mackety family, from the Notawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, are Nas-wau-kee's known descendants. Erected 2011, Eagle Scout project of Bryan McKinney.

The metal plaque cost \$750 and was paid for with donations.

Thanks to the following donors: Culver Antiquarian & Historical Society, Marshall County Tourism, Marcia Adams, Culver, Dan & Dana (Richards) Skulan, Kewanna; Steve & Sherry McKinney, Winamac; Melissa Christiansen, Plymouth; Tippecanoe River Wythoguan Daughters of American Revolution; Carol Layman, North Vernon; Jeannie Warnege Van Veen, Tahlequah, Ok.; Carmelita Warnego Skoeter, Tulsa, Ok.; Dolores Grizzell, Winamac, Nancy & Arthur Baxter, Indianapolis; Richard E. Ford, Wabash, Indiana.

Also thanks to Culver Park Department and Leonard Bennett, Culver, for attaching the plaque to the boulder.

Thanks for the four flags from Potawatomi nations: Citizen Band in Oklahoma, Prairie Band in Kansas, Forest Band in Wisconsin, and Pokagon Band in Michigan and northern Indiana. These flags were donated to the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association to be used at dedications and the Trail of Courage.

Descendants and organizers gathered Friday Sept. 16, 2011, to dedicate a historical marker to Chief Nas-wau-kee, a Potawatomi chief who lived on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee until 1837. On hand was the chief's great-great-grand-niece Michale Edwards, who traveled from Oklahoma for the event and who discussed with the audience her discovery of her relation to the chief, who she described as "gentle, mild-mannered and trusting." The monument is located in Culver's town park just east of the beach.

At left is an image of Chief Nas-wau-kee made by frontier artist George Winter at the Treaty Council at Lake Kewau-nay (now Lake Bruce) in 1837. The picture was sold by Winter before his death in 1876 and is now in the Wisconsin Historical

Society. Front row at left are Taylor and Michale Edwards. At right are Dolores Grizzell, Shirley and Bill Willard, and George Godfrey of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn.

Taking part in the dedication were Boy Scout troops 229 and 209 and Cub pack 290 of Winamac and Culver - presenting the colors, Steve McKinney - Scoutmaster Troop 229.

Back row, from left: Scouts Damien Stout, Brian McKinney - who did the marker for his Eagle Scout project, Shawn DePoy, Jacob Connor, Jack Campbell, Dawson Ploss, Alan Dilts, Austin Felty, Jeremy Penrod, and Jim Sawhook of Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society.

(Photo by Jeff Kenney, the Pilot News, Plymouth, Indiana)

"CHRISTmas in Kewanna" event at Methodist Church

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups at the Kewanna United Methodist Church is hosting a "CHRISTmas in Kewanna" event Saturday, December 3, in the church annex.

This fund raising day is designed to help support those in the community who have helped support the youth groups. They want to give back to such an amazing and giving community. Everyone is asked to keep their schedule open and support the area youth and families in need.

A free clothes drive will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The group will have clothes in sizes newborn to young adult available for anyone in need. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this event, all proceeds received to support the clothes drive will go to the Barnabas Fund, which helps assist those facing financial burden in the community.

The youth will serve a baked potato-chili-salad bar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will also be craft and bake sale items. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door (or \$7 plus a toy or non-perishable food item.)

All proceeds raised from the potato bar will go to purchase gifts, clothing, toys, etc. for those with needs this Christmas.

Last, but certainly not least, the youth will sponsor a talent show set for 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$2 per person or two non-perishable food items. This event is open to any aged person. Come show off your talents in comedy, singing, dancing, sports, public speaking, instrumentals, skits or any reasonable God-given talent you feel blessed to have been given. Prizes will be awarded in all age/talent categories and to the over-all winner.

The youth will also be accepting new toys, new clothes and non-perishable food items from now through December 3. There will be drop off locations throughout town or call Karla Kreamer at 574-249-1499 for pickup. If you know of a family in need, please give their name to Karla.

The News In Brief

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Kewanna town council will receive bids for its 1975 bucket truck at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 1, at the town hall. For more information, call 574-653-2112.

Non-perishable food items and paper products can be dropped off at the Community State Bank, Kewanna branch, for the Kewanna Community Food Pantry. Also needed are dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

Farmers Market will be in session every Saturday in November and December at the Fulton County Museum from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Produce, baked goods, frozen meats, etc. will be available.

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Friday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Classrooms A & B at Woodlawn Hospital. Eligible donors may sign up by calling Becky at 574-234-1180. Individuals who are 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements, and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Donors should have their Red Cross donor card or other form of positive ID.

Jesse Rude has been sworn in as a member of the Fulton County Council, filling the seat left by the death of Sonja Easterday.

State Representative Doug Gutwein, R - Francesville, was one of four state legislators awarded the Indiana Chamber's Small Business Champion Award. The award is given to legislators who consistently vote to improve Indiana's small business climate.

Fulton County United Ministries is seeking food and monetary donations for the holiday season. Food may be dropped off at the food pantry, 625 Pontiac St., or placed in collection boxes located throughout Rochester. Monetary donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 513, Rochester, IN 46975.

The 11th annual Light Up Logansport Parade will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, November 25, in downtown Logansport. The floats in the parade will be on display at the Little Turtle Waterway plaza until January 1.

The Ennema Mission Center Food Pantry in Logansport is in need of food donations to meet the current demand. If you would like to donate food items, take them to the mission at 1203 College Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Clubs Societies Personals

VFW Christmas party

The James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for kids Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infants to 11 years of age are welcome to enjoy the festivities.

CASTON MENU

November 28 - December 2
Breakfast

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Sausage & cheese or ham & cheese or cereal & toast or toaster pastry, juice and milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza and milk
Friday - Biscuits & gravy or sausage or ham sandwich with cheese or cereal & toast or toaster pastry, juice and milk
Lunch

Monday - Stuffed fish sticks, corn, pretzels, applesauce and milk
Tuesday - Chili soup, toasted cheese sandwich, crackers, cake and milk

Wednesday - Bread stick with meat sauce and cheese, mini cubes, applesauce and milk
Thursday - Sausage pizza, carrots, mixed fruit, crackers and milk
Friday - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, peanut butter bar and milk

EASTERN PULASKI MENU

November 28 - December 2
Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Graham crackers, string cheese, juice and milk
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice

and milk
Wednesday - Cheese breadstick with sausage link, juice and milk
Thursday - Donut, yogurt, juice and milk
Friday - Breadstick, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Cheese pizza, peas, pears, cookie and milk
Tuesday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, green beans, pineapple, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Chicken strips, fries, applesauce, peanut butter sandwich and milk
Thursday - Hot dog sandwich, carrots, peaches, cookie and milk

Friday - BBQ chicken leg, corn, mixed fruit, biscuit and milk
Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Grilled chicken sandwich, broccoli, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Mexican breadsticks, 8-way vegetables, orange wedges, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Mini corn dogs, pickle spear, peas, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Country fried beef steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Cheeseburger sandwich, parsley potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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Christmas concert at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host award winning Southern Gospel recording artist Jerry Garcia on Saturday, December 10 at 6 p.m.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car Sale: Nov. 27 in the West Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$10; children under 12 free. For more info: www.supersundayindy.com

Palmer Trucks 4th Annual Truck & Equipment Show: Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Wed. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. For more info: Kenworth of Indiana (317) 441-9385 or www.palmertrucks.com/truckshow

Gem Street USA: Dec. 2 - 4 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults; \$5 senior citizens and children ages 13-17; children 12 and younger free. For more info: Jane Stetson-Smith (219) 521-4367 or www.gemstreetusa.com

Hoosier Beef Congress: Dec. 2 - 4 in the Champions Pavilion. South and West Pavilion. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. For more info: Indiana Beef Cattle Assoc.

(317) 293-2333 or www.hoosierbeefcongress.com
Hoosier Cup Gymnastics Invitational: Dec. 10 - 11 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 5 and younger free. For more info: www.hoosiercup.info

McMiracle: Dec. 11 in the Champions Pavilion. The event begins at 2 p.m. For more info: Reginald O. Jones (317) 923-5663 or www.mcmiracle.org

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November 7
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Dismissals - Janet Coplen and Kristy Snook and son, Rochester; Bridget Carr and daughter, Claypool
November 9
Dismissals - Virginia Heady, Rochester
November 10
Admissions - Dorothy Trantham, Rochester
November 14
Dismissals - Kathleen Vires, Rochester; Mary Ann Edwards, Akron
November 15
Admissions - Susan Overton, Francesville; Wendell Ringle, Rochester
Dismissals - Dorothy Trantham, Rochester
November 16
Admissions - Mary Woods, Rochester
Births - Rebecca Woodall, Rochester
November 18
Susan Overton, Francesville

DEATHS



BRIAN S. DOTY

Brian S. Doty, 41, Kewanna, died at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.
Born January 20, 1970, in Winamac, he was the son of Michael W. and Betty Jo (Baldwin) Doty. He was married January 21, 1995, to Trina L. Eastwood, who survives.
Brian was a 1989 graduate of Winamac High School. He formerly worked at Lobdell Emery in Argos as a press operator and welder. He also was formerly employed at the Braun Corporation in Winamac.
Brian enjoyed deer hunting, mushroom hunting, fishing and most of all, spending time with his family.
Survivors include his wife, Trina Doty; his children, Hunter S. Doty, Sydney B. Doty, Andrew B. Doty and Dawson J. Doty, all of Kewanna; his parents, Michael and Betty Jo Doty, Kewanna; a brother, Todd M. Doty and his wife Cristi, Twelve Mile; his mother- and father-in-law, Mae and Kenneth Eastwood, Kewanna; a brother-in-law, Nick Eastwood; and a sister-in-law, Angie Blanchard and husband Chris, all of Kewanna; niece and nephews, Amber Esteban and husband Emmanuel, Quinton Doty and Keegan Doty, all of Twelve Mile.
He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles "Abie" and Ruby Baldwin and Ruth and William Doty; and a sister-in-law, Stephanie Cris-singer.
Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, November 14, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with Pastor Jim Howard officiating. Burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.
A visitation was held from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, November 13, at the funeral home.
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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Sports Shorts

The Caston varsity girls basketball team opened the season with a win over visiting LaCrosse defeating them 29-23. Mikayla Rans led the Lady Comets with nine points and Jessica Showley added seven. Last year, it took the girls 16 games to record a win. The Comets suffered a loss at North Miami the following night, losing 33-23. Showley was the leading scorer for the Comets with 11. The girls then lost to Covenant Christian last Friday evening, 28-21 before recording their second win of the season on Saturday with a win over visiting Pioneer, 39-36. Brittany Offenberger led the Lady Comets with nine points. Maggie Daily added eight. Marli Leazenby and Jessica Showley had seven each. It was Caston's first win over Pioneer in girls basketball since a 2008 sectional game.

The varsity wrestling team defeated Rossview last Thursday

45-24 at Caston. Caston wrestlers winning their individual matches included Derek Berichure (113) decison; Braden Moss (126) pin; Kyle Harvey (132) pin; Graham Redweik (160) pin, his 100th career win; Taylor Grounds (170) pin; Ryan Coffing (182) forfeit; Jeremy Gonzalez (195) pin; and Juan Orozco Gonzalez (220) forfeit.

The Caston boys varsity basketball team opened their season Tuesday night with a 65-59 win over visiting Maconaquah. Jake Howdeshell led the Comets with 27 points and Quentin Douglass added 21. It was the first win over Maconaquah since they were added to the schedule three years ago.

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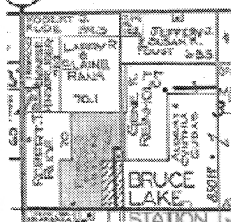
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Dick Garner announced today that the Kewanna Grain Co. has purchased the Standard Elevator from Standard Elevator Co., Inc., of Indianapolis. Garner, who owns stock in the local corporation along with George Van Meter and Elmer Seidel, stated that possession would not take place until March 1. Garner will be the general manager.

Adam Sommers, who owns and operates Sommers Grain Co., Grass Creek, re-opened Thursday, November 29, after a remodeling program which included the installation of more than \$3,000 in new machinery, a new blower system and general renovation. Sommers has owned the elevator for three years. The plant has been operating on a part time basis for the past two weeks during the modernization process.

Tommy Williams, 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams, died Wednesday evening of pneumonia, in spite of efforts of the Rochester Fire Department to revive him. Tommy, who has a twin brother, was active that evening, although a little "Fussy". His parents attributed this to the fact that he was cutting teeth, until he suddenly passed out.

Ronald Miller, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, had the misfortune of fracturing a small bone in his left leg, halfway between the knee and ankle, while playing in the barn Thanksgiving Day. Ronald's leg has been placed in a cast for four weeks and he is attending school with the aid of crutches.

Robert Lee Eytcheson, 25, of near Fulton, lost his left hand at the wrist in a corn picker

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accident late Wednesday afternoon, November 21. Eytcheson was attempting to clear the clogged corn picker which he was operating when his hand was caught by the rollers. He walked to his home where his wife and father rushed him to Woodlawn Hospital.

Private Donald Carr, son of Arvin Carr, Kewanee, is nearing completion of a 16-week training cycle with a unit of the 6th Armored Division at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. As a trainee, he received eight weeks of basic training and is now completing an additional eight weeks of engineering training.

Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon at the IOOF Cemetery here for John Paul and Paul James, infant sons of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Heinsen. The boys were born Friday morning, November 23, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. One baby died at 7 p.m. Friday and the second at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The Grass Creek community honored Grace Downs at a carry-in supper Friday evening, November 23, at the school. Grace retired last week after serving the community for 49 years as post mistress.

Mrs. Donald Cohagan shot a fox on their farm on State Road 17 south of Kewanna Tuesday. She expects to collect the bounty later in the week.

Richard Mills of Indianapolis has purchased the Tomlinson Garage on Main Street in Kewanna. Mr. Mills is well known here having vacationed often at Lake Bruce. He expects to open a garage in the spring at which time he will move his family here and occupy the apartment above the garage.

Fire caused damages of approximately \$8,000 to the Harold Leasure residence in Pulaski County Monday afternoon. The blaze was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. Ralph Shrader, who gave the alarm. Kewanna and Winamac fire departments responded. The origin of the fire is not known.

Woodson Ingram, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Lee Ingram of here, will open a furniture store here in the near future. He presently operates a similar store in North Judson. The new enterprise will be located in the building formerly used by the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The building is now being cleaned and renovated for the new tenant.

Loren Fry, Fulton, was seriously injured Tuesday while working on the C & O Railroad near Kewanna. Loren received serious head injuries when the tongs on a derrick, which hooks over the rails, hit him on the side of the head. He had dodged one rail, but it was impossible for him to dodge the hook. He was taken to the Railroad Hospital in Peru.

Mrs. Carl Smith, Kewanna, has received word from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, that he has been confined to a hospital in Florida where they had gone for the winter. He is suffering from a heart ailment, but expects to leave the hospital soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis, Kewanee, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to David Boyer, son of Dr. Grace Boyer and the late J. W. Boyer of Marion. Miss Graffis, a graduate of Kewanee High School and Taylor University, is teaching at Pulaski. Mr. Boyer graduated from Taylor University and is now attending the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia. The couple is planning a June 3

wedding.

Private William J. Werner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Werner, Rt. 1, Kewanna, is currently undergoing Army basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman, Rt. 1, Kewanee, are the parents of a daughter born in Memorial Hospital, Logansport. The baby weighed 10 pounds and 4 ounces and has been named Julia Ann.

The Kewanna Saddle Club elected officers at its November meeting. Chosen to serve were Elston Sayers, president; Herman Ysberg, vice president; Golda Carter, secretary-treasurer; Artha Kreamer, reporter; and directors, Ralph Kreamer, Kenneth Hood and Tom Carter.

The Kewanna Indians edged out the North Miami Warriors Wednesday night, 63-60, to maintain their undefeated season. Scoring for the 4-0 Indians were Bruce Mills with 19; Richard Graffis, 18; Tom Mitchell, 15; Marion Foust, 7; and Dick Carlson, 4.

Clyde Garner, Mrs. Amy Wilson, Mrs. Warren Gillespie and Mrs. Earl Mills attended the annual Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary achievement day last Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Rochester.

Bill, Barry and Cheryl Worl spent their Thanksgiving vacations here.

Jerry Kimble spent Friday and Saturday in South Bend with friends.

John Halsema and Jerry Myers bagged an eight-point buck at the Tippecanoe River State Park last week. Martin Van Meter accompanied them.

Effie Grace Downs, 77, Grass Creek, died at 6:50 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Logansport, after a lingering illness. Miss Downs was the post mistress at Grass Creek for 49 years.

The Kewanna Progressive Association held its annual banquet Monday evening. Si Deeb of Rochester was the master of ceremonies. John

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"Looking Back" Con't. From Page Four

Agnew gave a report of last year's activities. The incoming president, Kenneth Cook, reported a 80 percent increase in membership and outlined plans for next year. Entertainment was provided by Mary Jane Zellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Walton, are the parents of a daughter born November 21 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. The baby weighed 4 pounds and 11 ounces and has been named Tracy Lynette. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Rt. 3, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Barbara, Sally and J Masteller, all students at Purdue University, spent their Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller.

Nancy Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corbett, and Mary Stoudt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Stoudt, have received word that they have been accepted to participate in the MYF seminar in New York February 26 - March 4.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Elkenberry Funeral Home in Peru for J. O. Wells, .80, prominent Peru realtor. Survivors include a son, James O. Wells, Jr., Rt. 4, Rochester.

Graveside services were held Monday for Debra Kay Mollencupp, infant daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Edward Mollencupp, Rt. 1, Kewanna. She died at 9:27 p.m. Saturday in South Bend Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for two days. She was born last Monday at Plymouth.

THIRTY YEARS AGO November 26, 1981

Funeral services were held recently for Dr. Robert Arendell of Evansville who died November 17 after an illness of three years. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Earl Bangel, Lake Bruce.

Kewanna fans were treated to a real thriller Friday night when the Indians returned to their "home" floor at Leiters Ford after several years' absence. The Indians dropped an 83-80 decision to visiting Huntington Catholic in a double overtime. Jeff Markley was Kewanna's leading scorer with 32 points. He also had 14 rebounds. Ryan Hall collected 16 points and Randy Hall added 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook will host a Christmas dinner December 5 for members of the Kewanna unit of the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service. Darla Greer, Nancy Byfield and Brenda Johnston recently attended an in-service at South Bend on hypoglycemia and diabetes.

The Kewanna Saddle Club met November 18 for a carry-in Thanksgiving dinner. Christmas was offered by Clem Good. Current officers were retained for next year. They are Dan Hood, president; Golda Bailey,

secretary and reporter; and Darla Greer, treasurer.

The November meeting of the New Idea Club was held at the home of Katrina Caciule. Martha Ann Cook gave the group a tour of the local ambulance. During the business meeting, Judy Graham was elected as the new treasurer; Sheri Cook was put in charge of the flower fund; and Jill Leazenby was elected as the new vice president and historian.

The Union Township 4-H clubs held their achievement night November 19 at the Kewanna United Methodist Church annex. County achievement medals went to Andy Rude, Lisa Strader, Stephanie Brown and Denise Wegner. County achievement trophies were awarded to Michelle Shrader and Tom Rude.

Students in Janet Yocum's home economics class participated in a mock wedding recently. The wedding ceremony and reception highlighted several weeks of planning on paper of the wedding, reception and premarital counseling. Participants included Trina Eastwood, flower girl; Derrick Carlisle, ring bearer; Teresa Frasa, maid-of-honor; Robin Bartram, brides; Todd Mikesell, groom; Kimberly Anderson, bride; Tony Millman, groom; and Jeff Millman, best man.

Violet Troutman and Ruth Urbiz

visited their granddaughter, April Troutman, and her first grade class at Columbia Elementary School in Rochester last Wednesday during visitation day.

TWENTY YEARS AGO November 28, 1991

State Road 17 south of Kewanna is open once again, about one month behind schedule. The road was closed August 5 to replace the bridge over Mill Creek. It was scheduled to reopen November 1.

The 20th Century Extension Homemakers Club met November 14 in the home of Janice Herrold. Joe Grady gave an interesting talk on recycling. He gave examples of items that can be recycled and announced new hours for the collection center in Rochester.

Leonard and Nancy Evers attended a production of *Strangers in the Night* at North Miami High School recently.

Their granddaughter, Andrea Yocum, was a member of the cast. Andrea's mother, Janet Evers Yocum, was in the same play 21 years ago at Kewanna High School.

Don and Violet Troutman attended the Tri-Epsilon production of *Our Town* at Rochester High School last week. Their grandchildren, Adam and Alissa Troutman, were members of the cast. +++



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There will also be Texas Hold'em poker games to enjoy. "Small games, big fun!"

We will also be running tip tables all evening to win many cool prizes. There will be many drink specials to enjoy. Free hours of beverages will be served.

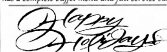
Bring family & friends to Pond View for some holiday cheer! Clubhouse opens at 6:00pm

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



Have fun shopping

Shopping used to be fun - before I became a mom and started to put things like dog food and toilet bowl cleaner in my cart. When you are buying the likes of bleach and coffee filters and have a list as long as Santa's beard, shopping feels more like a chore than an event. What if we could change that? What if you could go to the store without a list because you didn't have anything to buy? What if you were there just to have fun? What sort of silly trouble could you get yourself into?

Let's see.
(Disclaimer: Please note that while none of these activities hurts or injures another person, I don't advocate actually engaging in them because adults should not be allowed to have such silly fun. While I wouldn't carry out any of the ideas listed, I do get a jingle thinking about them. I guess you could say I have a youthful sense of humor.)

Forget about Black Friday. Instead create your own Wacky Wednesday at the superstore. Imagine all the fun things you could do if you went shopping and had nothing you needed to buy.

For instance, you could ask to see the manager and request free tax advice.

Find the outdoor furniture section and take a nap on a hammock.

Go through the checkout line with one pack of gum. When it comes time to pay, ask for the employee discount.

Try to return yesterday's newspaper on the grounds that it is outdated.

While at a craft or fabric store, carry a skein of yarn to the measuring table and tell the clerk you'd like a yard and a half.

Move a small table from the furniture section. Set it up in the cracker aisle and offer free samples.

Take a bunch of DVDs to the register and tell the cashier you want to rent them.

Ask if you can sample the toilet paper.

Approach random shoppers, asking for their autograph.

Take advantage of a buy-one-get-one free offer and then attempt to return the "buy-one" item.

Go to one of those dollar stores and continually approach the clerk with different items. Each time ask, "How much is this?"

Leisurely stroll through the grocery aisles, stopping to tell people that you are allergic to various items in their carts. For added effect, show them your Epipen.

Go to the customer service counter and tell them you want to return your little sister.

In the accessories department, ask the clerk if you can buy just one glove.

Test out the ring tone on your cell phone; pretend it is real and answer. Approach a random shopper and say, "Phone call for you."

Ask if the toothbrushes are returnable.

Make it a point to be at the superstore early in the morning so you can join in on their calisthenics.

In the pet department, ask the clerk which type of tropical fish cats like to eat best.

In the produce section, tell the clerk you have a special recipe and need to purchase just one blueberry.

We are entering one of the biggest shopping seasons of the year. You'll no doubt have many gifts to purchase and no time for fun or pranks. That's probably a good thing, because following through with any of the ideas listed above could very well put you on Santa's naughty list, and we wouldn't want that. Ho, ho, ho.

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfers' Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at perturn@qwest.net or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchs.com/>.

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Or even lost your way?

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It follows us wherever we roam.

So suck it up, forgive, forget

Start off new, we'll be a hit!

There always is this one thing that we can all agree

We still are someone

Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

So when family comes to dine,

Breathe deep, stay calm, practice divine.

Look at them with eyes anew—and think...

He came from where I came from too.

If I'm all right—then he's ok,

No judging, guilt, hate or blame.

Like is so short for goodness sake!

After all, we are someone

Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

Submitted by Susan Turner

Letter To The Editor

What Europe and American have in common

Europe and the USA have many things in common, one of which noted currently is the massive debt crisis both are experiencing because of politicians who fail to learn from history. George Santayana noted that those who fail to learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. In both Europe and the United States, power-hungry politicians have been trying to buy votes with money we don't have, taking not only this generation but every generation in the future, guaranteeing a lower standard of living for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. These shortsighted politicians, thinking only of the present, seem to think they can go on forever, steadily increasing the public debt, by just printing more and more money without an equal increase in goods and services, hoping to find someone to buy our consequently less and less valuable bonds. As history has repeatedly shown us, this does not work. Every society that has tried this has collapsed. A prime example is the Soviet Union. If socialism were a better system, we would all be speaking Russian. Previously democratic civilizations and nations that have tried this have collapsed

into dictatorship. Some noteworthy examples are the Greeks, the Romans, and the post-World War I Weimer Republic of Germany, the latter printing so much money that its currency became virtually worthless, bankrupting the country, and resulting in the establishment of Hitler's Nazi (National Socialist) party dictatorship that brought on the horrors of World War II.

It is time to rid ourselves of such history-ignoring, out-of-touch-with-reality, power-mad politicians, ousting them from power, and never let them in office again.

Harold Bob Jones
Blair, OK

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Our Strengths Outweigh Our Weaknesses

By Lee H. Hamilton

There is a deep vein of pessimism running through the country right now. And I'm not even talking about the overwhelming numbers of people who tell pollsters that we're "on the wrong track," which suggests that we can simply throw a switch to get onto the right one.

More worrisome is the prevailing belief that our problems are here for the long haul. This was the message of a recent poll in the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill*, which found almost 70 percent of respondents saying that the U.S. is "in decline," 83 percent either very or somewhat worried about

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Letter to the Editor
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the nation's future, and a bare 19 percent believing that the U.S. will still be the most powerful country on earth 20 years from now. Americans are dejected.

I understand the sentiment, but it is far too soon to give in to it. If you look at our system's abiding strengths, rather than the shortcomings of the moment,

you can't help but conclude that the challenges ahead of us may be formidable, but they are not unmanageable.

For one thing, we have a durable Constitution that has given us more than two centuries of political stability — weathering along the way a civil war, multiple wars overseas, economic and political turmoil, and sweeping movements for social change. We work out our

difficulties within its generous confines, not by ignoring it or trying to dismantle it. I've conducted hundreds of public meetings, some of them quite heated, and never once do I recall anyone suggesting that we ditch the U.S. Constitution.

Just as important, our nation possesses an open and energetic spirit. We have a long history of renewing ourselves through immigration and openness to new ideas and other cultures; we're blessed with vast economic resources and can deploy a dynamic, talented and innovative workforce; we educate our young adults at institutions of higher education that are the envy of the world; and we encourage all these assets to flourish in a free, secure and democratic society. Our fundamentals, in other words, are quite strong.

So is the system within which they operate. It may be hard these days to find many people who think of Congress or the political system it represents as being core American strengths, but they are. The system protects against arbitrary authority, enshrines fundamental power in a body elected by the broad mass of the people, and balances the three branches of government. It strives — however imperfectly — for liberty and justice for all.

It allows ordinary citizens to create change and try to improve the quality of American lives, encouraging this to happen in an evolutionary, not revolutionary, fashion. These values are alive and well in the hearts of the American people, who refresh the system every two years with their votes.

Our government is built on the belief that ultimate power rests with a diverse people, and that they need a way to make their various voices heard and to work out their differences peacefully. This is what Congress is about — it makes sure that society's varied and conflicting opinions are heard before government acts, it moderates tensions among competing interests, and it does so in a measured fashion that tends over time to force

policy-makers to find consensus and move toward the center.

This is why, if you look backward, the work of the Congress over many decades has had such a fundamentally positive impact on Americans' daily lives, in ways we should be grateful we can take for granted.

I would be the last person to argue that things are perfect — either in Congress or within the political system as a whole. Our institutions need plenty of reforms that ought to be on the front burner and aren't. It would be hard to argue that, faced with a mass of serious challenges, we are dealing with them efficiently or with far-sightedness. Local, partisan and private interests too often prevail over the national interest. Our system too often favors the rich and ignores the poor, and the solutions to this and other fundamental problems

often seem beyond our reach.

Yet these problems characterize this particular moment in our history, not our basic way of being. They may be discouraging, but they are not crippling. The American people have not given up on our system of government — they believe we can still build a shining city on a hill. Our challenges as a nation is not to reinvent ourselves, but to use the abundant strengths we possess to find our way through our problems and emerge stronger on the other side.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center for Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Jenny Kay
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Kewanna
Pub. 11-24-2011

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Special thanks go to the Kewanna Union Township Fire Department First Responders and the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service EMTs for their quick response and excellent care; Winamac Coil Spring for the food and assistance; the Church of the Heartland for the many meals they prepared; the Kibitzer for furnishing food for the visitation; Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church for their care and concern; Chuck Smith for organizing and serving the benefit spaghetti dinner and those who helped with it; RaeAnn Snider for being their comfort and support; Kyle Rans of Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home and Pastor Jim Howard for their caring service and comforting words.

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By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Well, it had to happen sometime. We got our first snow of the season. It was a little later than normal, not arriving until Thursday, Nov. 10, but it could have waited longer.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a visitor Sunday, Nov. 13. Stopping by in the evening for a chat was their son, Robert Evers.

Renee Colley was in Elmhurst, Illinois Monday, Nov. 14. She took care of an errand before dining with her friends, Kristy Cornell and Sue Fitzpatrick, in the evening. Renee remained overnight as a houseguest of Kristy in Shamburg.

Julie Brown accompanied Wendy Sutton, Luke and Tanner, to Kokomo Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. They did some non-holiday shopping and dined at the Long John Silvers restaurant.

Barb and Jon Gast had a caller Thursday, Nov. 17. Coming over in the evening for a pleasant family visit was their daughter, Cora Lynn Clemans.

Nancy Evers enjoyed spending Saturday morning, Nov. 19, with her daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester. They were among those who attended the annual holiday craft show at the Fulton County 4-H fairgrounds. The event was hosted by the

Fulton County Crafters Association. After checking out the selections, the ladies enjoyed lunch together.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Saturday. Arriving early in the day were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys ran a couple of errands and tackled a few autumn-time chores around the house for Florence. Later, the trio enjoyed a visit over a pizza lunch.

Renee Colley and Dick Fedorchak traveled to Plymouth Sunday, Nov. 20. They enjoyed watching the movie "The Immortals" at the local theater.

Julie Brown had a fun time Sunday. She attended a party held in honor of one of her "munchkins," Luke Sutton. The event was in recognition of his 14th birthday and hosted by his parents and brother, Steve and Wendy Sutton and Tanner.

Florence Hogan had a couple of callers Sunday. Stopping by for a short, but sweet afternoon visit were her granddaughter and her husband, Wendy and

Jonathan Shock.

Julie Brown had a fun time Monday evening, Nov. 21. She attended the Caston vs. North White junior high basketball game at Caston Schools. Luke Sutton is a member of the Caston 8th grade team.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Breanna Fairchild, Joe Good and Angela Thomas, Nov. 27; Tia Allor, Andrew Buswell, Bill Evers and Raeann Hunter, Nov. 28; Jackie Agnew, Harold Dittman, David Jones, Morgan Kegarise and Jerry Kimble, Nov. 29; Makayla Banta, Hali Berry, Megan Easterday and Rich Powell, Nov. 30; Don Bennett, Jeff Good and Kathy Patty, Dec. 1; Cindy Eisbrenner, Matthew Moss and Shirley Zartman, Dec. 2; and Jamie Short, Dec. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Paul and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries Nov. 29 and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mills will be celebrating theirs Nov. 30.

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Caston Athletic Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 26 - Girls varsity basketball tourney at Northfield, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 28 - Elementary boys basketball with Pioneer at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys

basketball with North Miami at Caston, 5:30 p.m. 6 AB girls basketball with Pioneer at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - JV boys basketball Caston County tourney vs. Cass at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; varsity boys basketball Caston County tourney vs. Cass at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; JV girls Caston County basketball tourney vs. Cass at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; varsity girls Caston County tourney vs. Cass at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 - Elementary boys basketball with Argos at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Triton, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 - JV boys basketball tourney at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; varsity boys basketball tourney at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.

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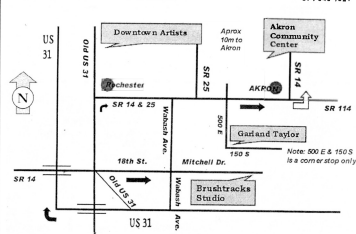
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